

CDC advisers to discuss third COVID-19 vaccine dose for immunocompromised

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(HealthDay)—Giving a third dose of COVID-19 vaccines to

immunocompromised adults will be up for discussion during a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advisory panel meeting next week.

At the meeting scheduled for July 22, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will focus on the 2 to 4 percent of U.S. adults with weakened immune systems. These include organ transplant recipients, people receiving cancer treatments, and those living with rheumatologic conditions, HIV, and leukemia, *The Washington Post* reported.

The director of the U.S. National Institutes of Health does not consider giving an additional dose of currently approved two-dose vaccines to immunocompromised people a "booster" shot. "I wouldn't call that a booster," Francis Collins said, *The Post* reported. "I would call that trying to get the primary immunization into the effective place."

Booster shots have become a hot topic since Pfizer-BioNTech said last week it would seek emergency use authorization for a third shot of its two-dose vaccine amid growing concerns about the highly transmissible Delta variant, but U.S. health officials have said a third dose is not widely needed, *The Post* reported.

This week, Israel said it would start giving a third dose of the Pfizer [vaccine](#) to severely immunocompromised adults, and Britain plans to start giving booster shots in September, first to those with weakened immune systems, people older than 70 years, and frontline health care workers, *The Post* reported.

More information: [The Washington Post Article](#)

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